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# SUPERMAN DOOMED!

BY LOIS LANE

It was DOOMSDAY around the world, both figuratively and literally.

A massive creature of unknown origin resembling one that SUPERMAN fought once before appeared first in the Bahamas, subsequently in Botswana and then Mumbai, India, causing untold destruction.

Doctor Silas Stone, of S.T.A.R. Labs, had been tracking the creature after its initial appearance in the Bahamas.



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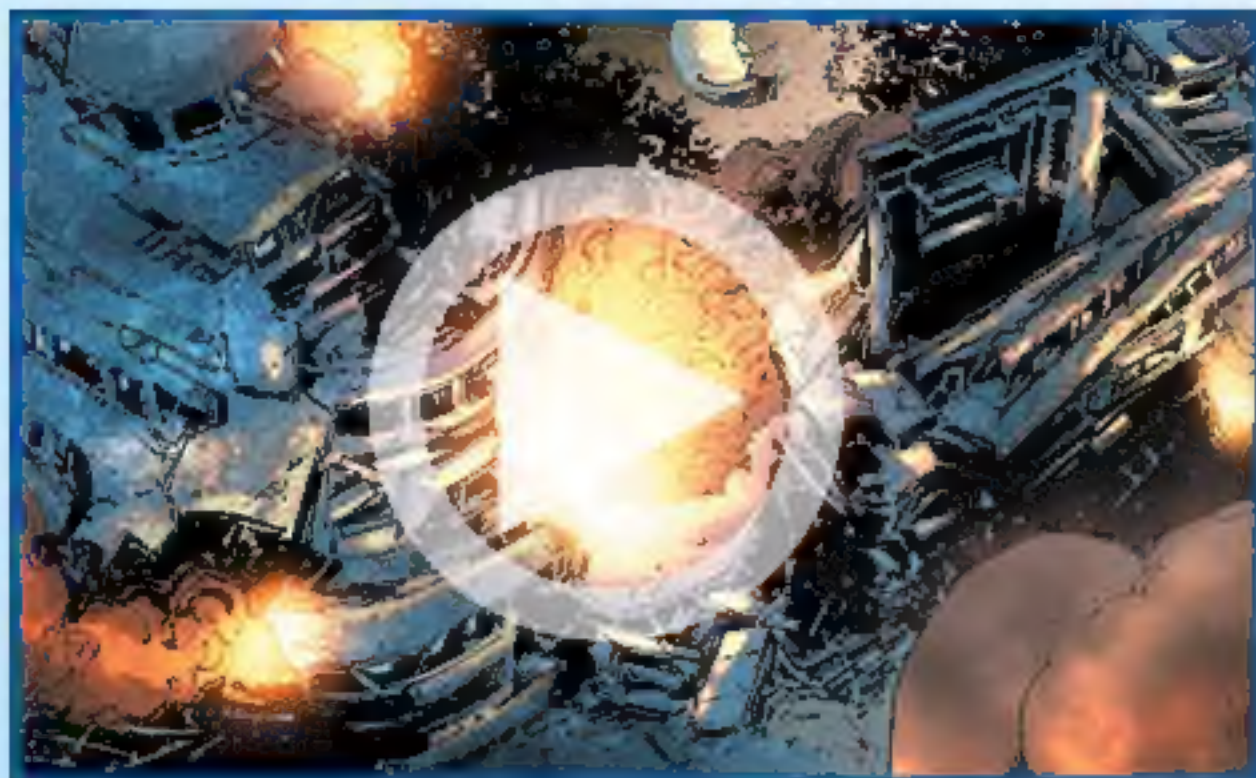
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“The creature was generating a corrosive force field that produced rapid biological decay in anything that came within its radius.”

Efforts by world governments to stop the creature were unsuccessful.

Members of the Justice League looked to halt the rampaging monster’s path of destruction by confronting it. The Man of Steel, in a display of brute force never before witnessed, eventually defeated the monster by tearing it apart.

This final battle took place in the midwestern town of Smallville, where a day before its citizens fell inexplicably into a coma. Experts theorize the event was linked to the appearance of the behemoth. However, the destruction of Doomsday has not revived them. And as Superman recovers from this epic struggle, everyone is wondering what effect this battle has had on the Last Son of Krypton himself.



Watch exclusive video footage of the destruction in the Bahamas.

**“Doomsday” Origins**  
**Recovery in the Northwestern**  
**Indies**  
**Newly appointed Senator Sam Lane**  
**being considered for “cleanup” in**  
**the U.S.**

**BIG BELLY  
BURGER**

NOW OFFERING TURTLE  
BOY TOYS WITH THEIR  
KIDS’ MEALS!



**FERRIS AIR**  
We fly without fear.

The **METRO STEAK**  
THE MEAL OF TOMORROW





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# DOOMSDAY

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## “TRUE BELIEVERS”

STORY

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DOOMSDAY CREATED BY DAN JURGENS, BRETT BREEDING, JERRY ORDWAY, LOUISE SIMONSON AND ROGER STERN.





I'M  
SUPERMAN.

WHEN THE WORST  
THREATS COME...

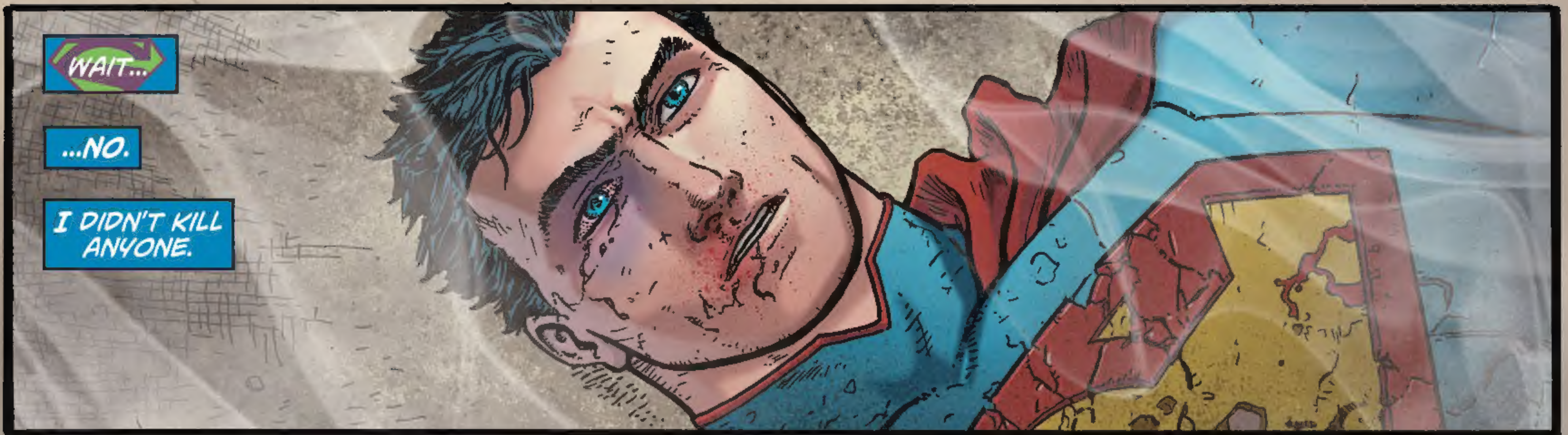
...I WILL  
SAVE YOU...

...SAVE YOU...

...SAVE YOU...

...KILL  
YOU.

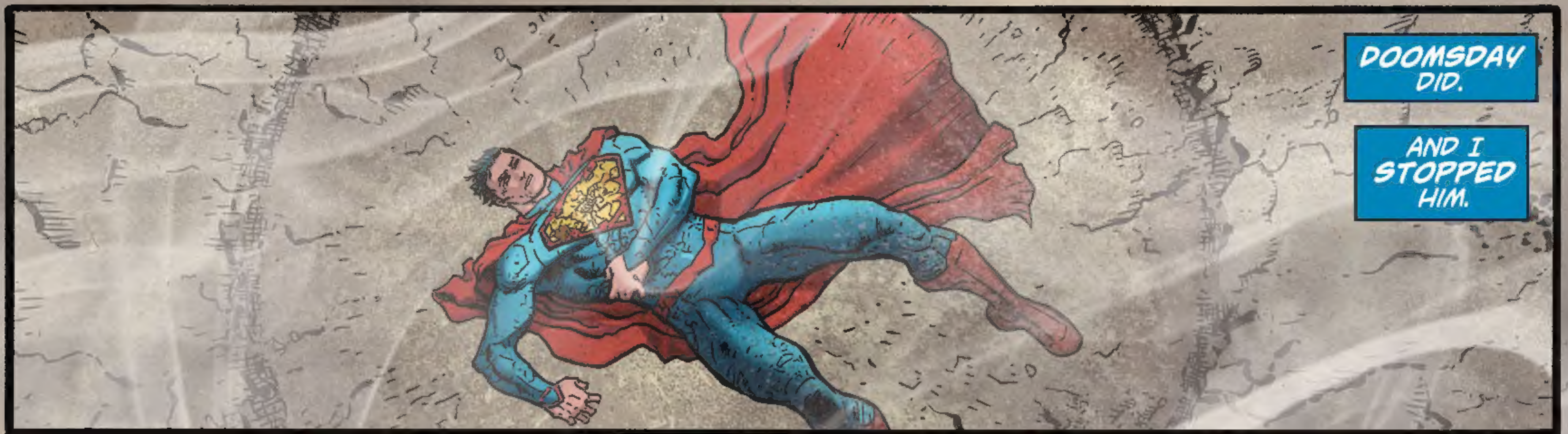




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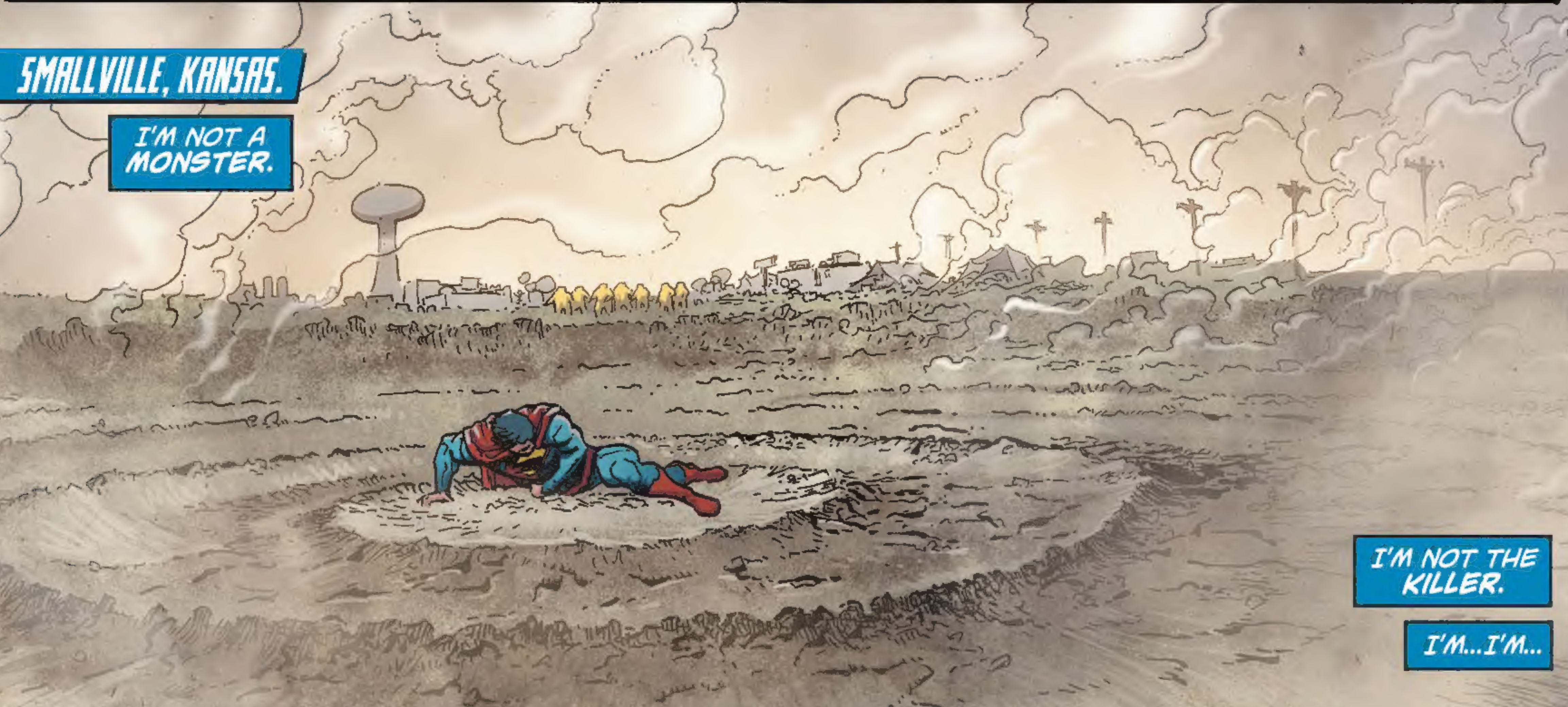
...NO.

I DIDN'T KILL ANYONE.



DOOMSDAY DID.

AND I STOPPED HIM.

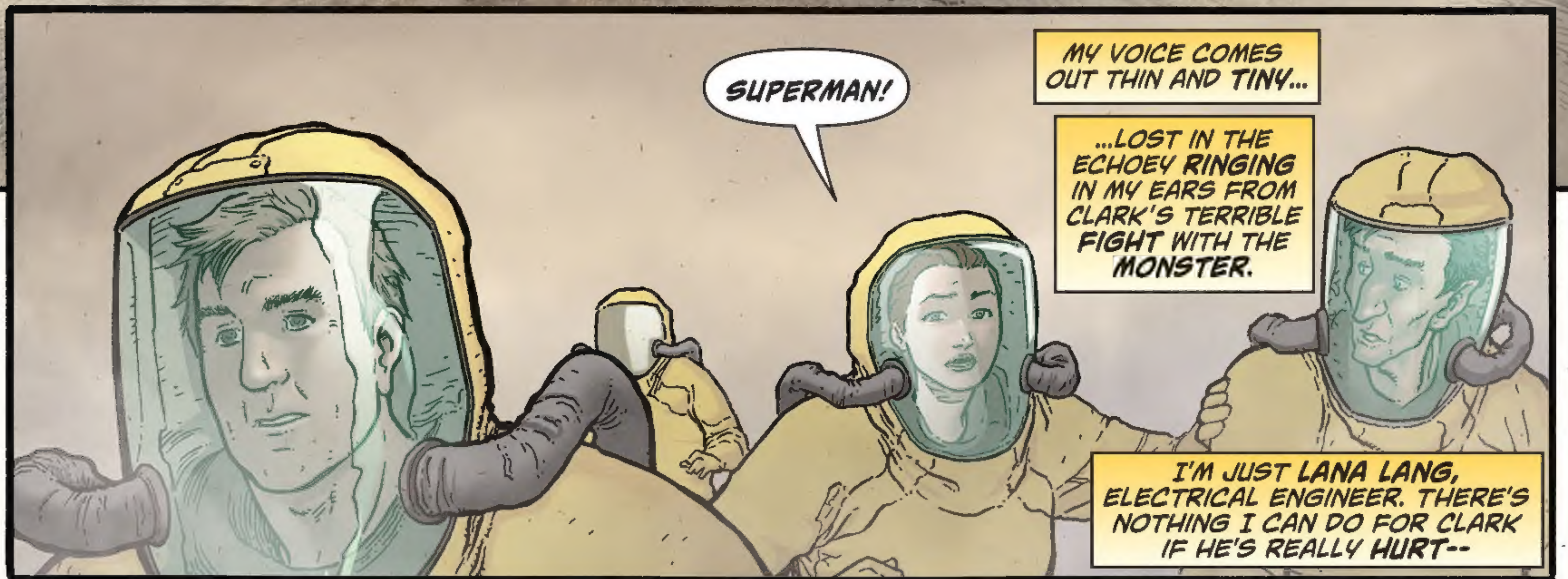


SMALLVILLE, KANSAS.

I'M NOT A MONSTER.

I'M NOT THE KILLER.

I'M...I'M...

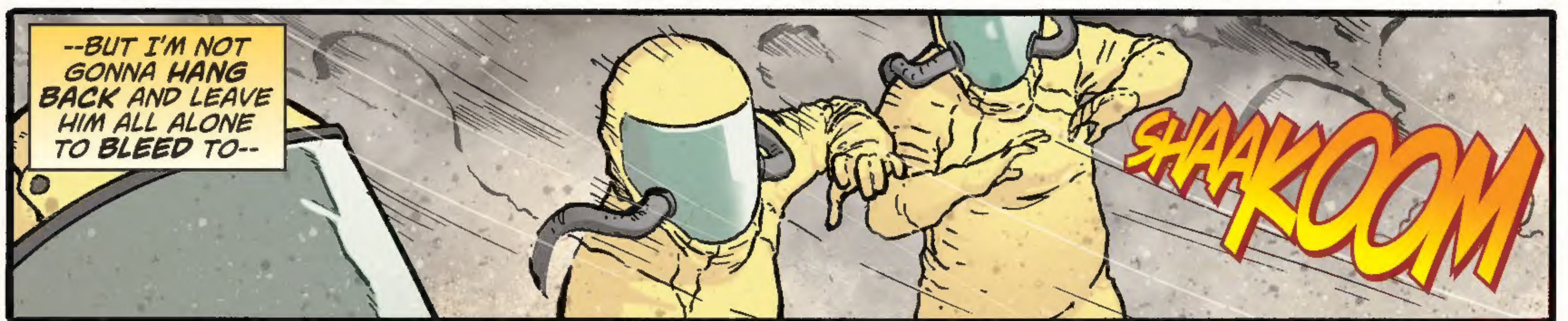


SUPERMAN!

MY VOICE COMES OUT THIN AND TINY...

...LOST IN THE ECHOEY RINGING IN MY EARS FROM CLARK'S TERRIBLE FIGHT WITH THE MONSTER.

I'M JUST LANA LANG, ELECTRICAL ENGINEER. THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO FOR CLARK IF HE'S REALLY HURT--



--BUT I'M NOT GONNA HANG BACK AND LEAVE HIM ALL ALONE TO BLEED TO--

SHAKOOM



THAT IS...

...UNLESS THE  
MOST POWERFUL  
WOMAN ON THE  
PLANET SHOWS UP  
TO HELP HIM.



THAT'S  
WONDER  
WOMAN.

I KNOW,  
LOIS.

PRETTY  
IMPRESSIVE,  
ISN'T SHE?  
THEY'RE  
DATING,  
YOU KNOW.

GOT IT.  
THANKS.



IT'S ALL  
COOL.

I DATED CLARK  
IN HIGH SCHOOL.  
LOOOONG TIME  
AGO.

WE'RE JUST...  
FRIENDS.



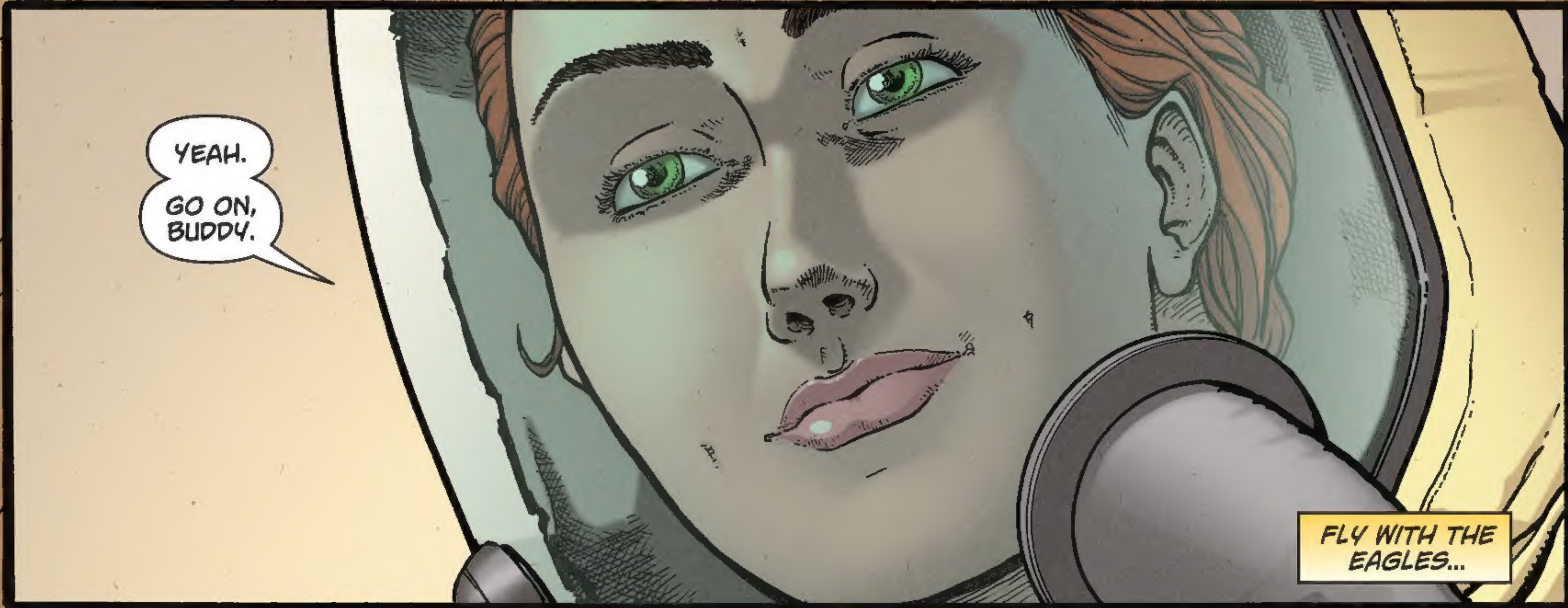
NOT... SUPER FRIENDS.



YOU'RE NOT JUST GOOD OL' CLARK ANY-MORE, ARE YOU?

YOU'RE IN A WHOLE 'NOTHER WORLD.

YEAH.  
GO ON,  
BUDDY.



FLY WITH THE EAGLES...



...I JUST HOPE THEY APPRECIATE WHAT THEY'VE GOT.



NNNGH...

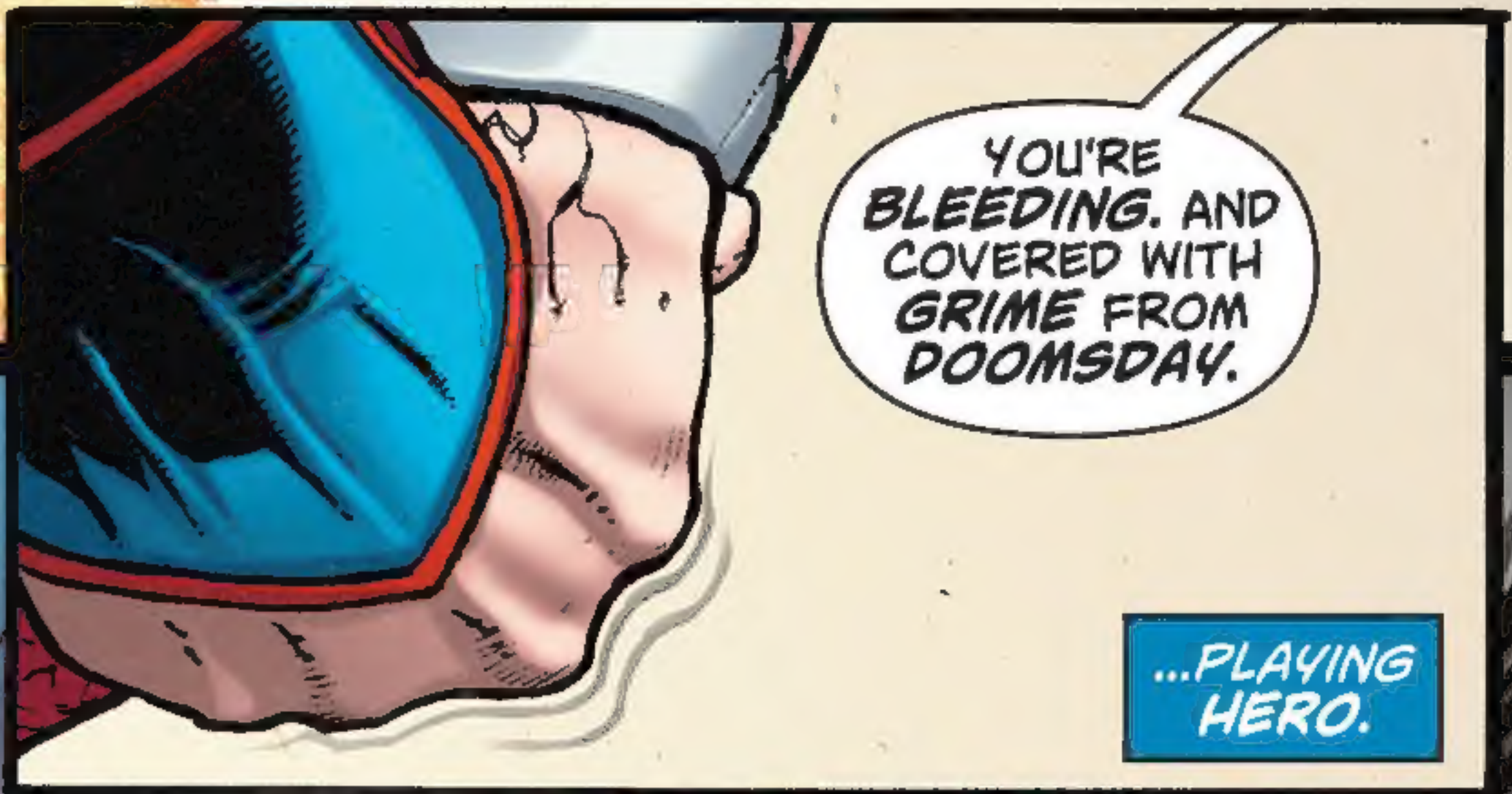
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

I'M FINE.



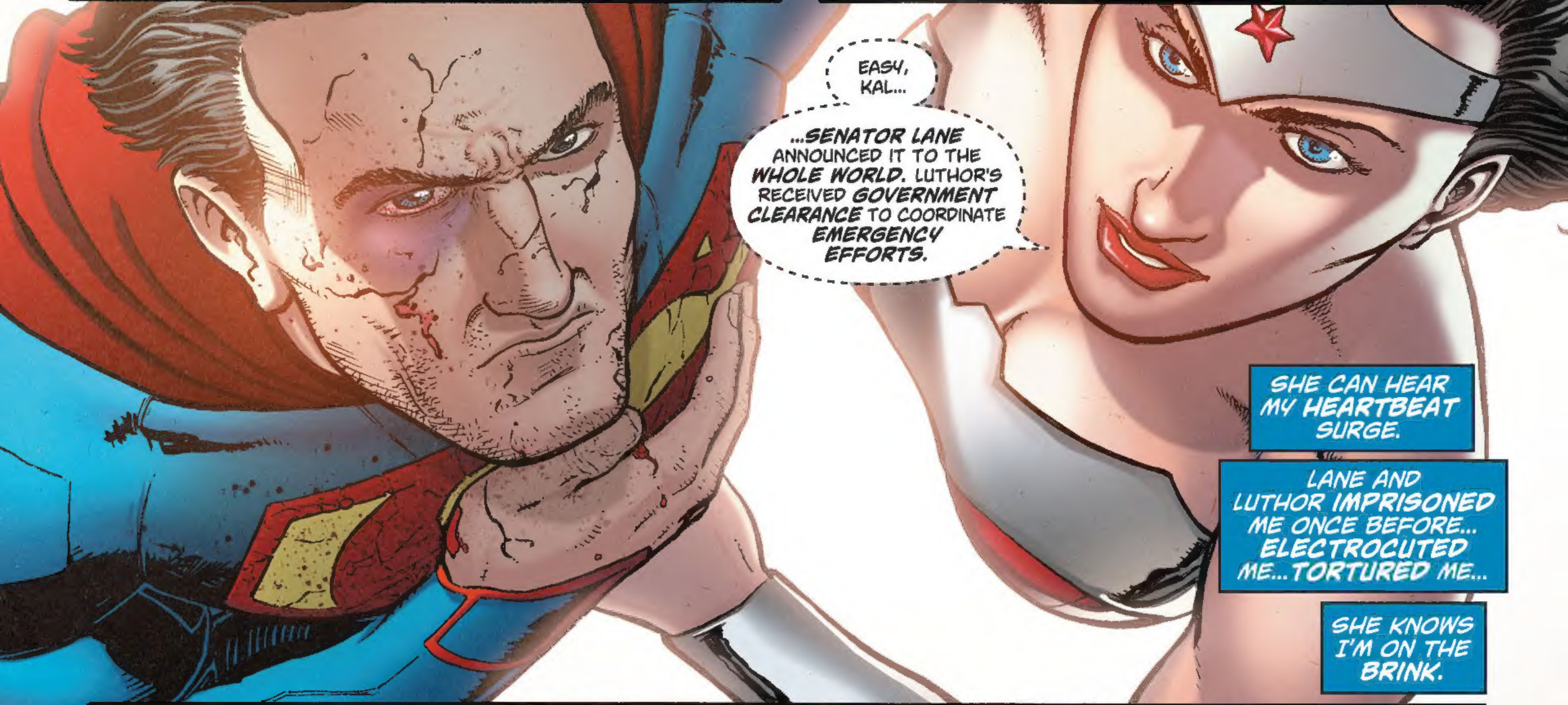
NOT AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, SUPERMAN.

LEX LUTHOR... ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS VILLAINS...



YOU'RE BLEEDING. AND COVERED WITH GRIME FROM DOOMSDAY.

...PLAYING HERO.



EASY, KAL...

...SENATOR LANE ANNOUNCED IT TO THE WHOLE WORLD. LUTHOR'S RECEIVED GOVERNMENT CLEARANCE TO COORDINATE EMERGENCY EFFORTS.

SHE CAN HEAR MY HEARTBEAT SURGE.

LANE AND LUTHOR IMPRISONED ME ONCE BEFORE... ELECTROCUTED ME... TORTURED ME...

SHE KNOWS I'M ON THE BRINK.



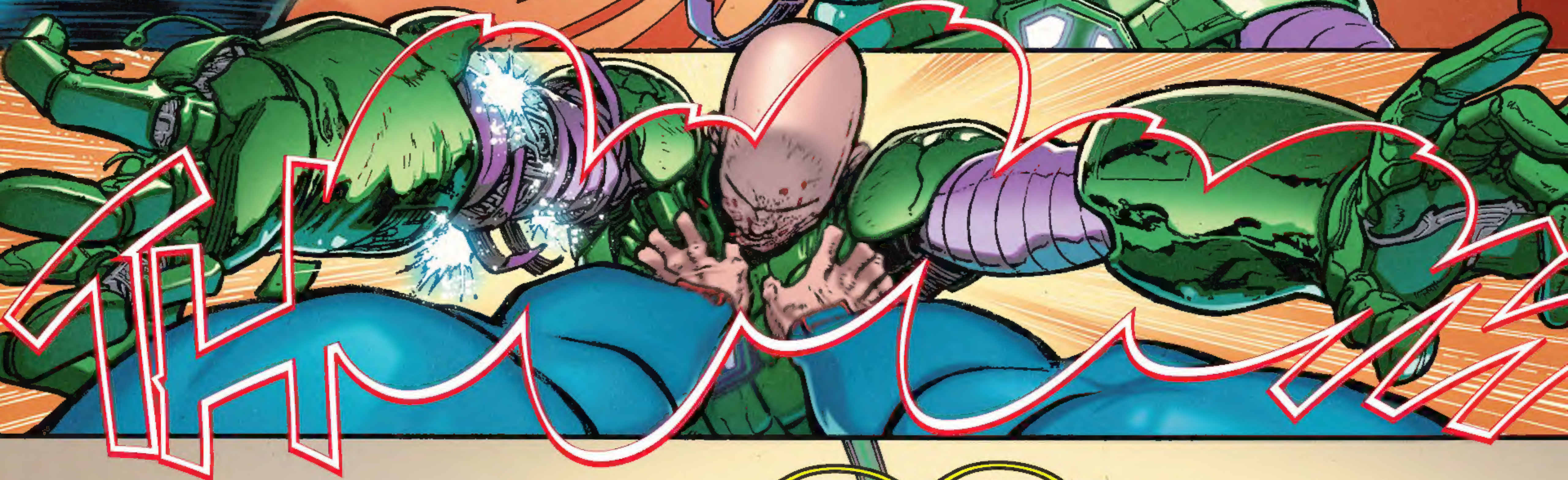
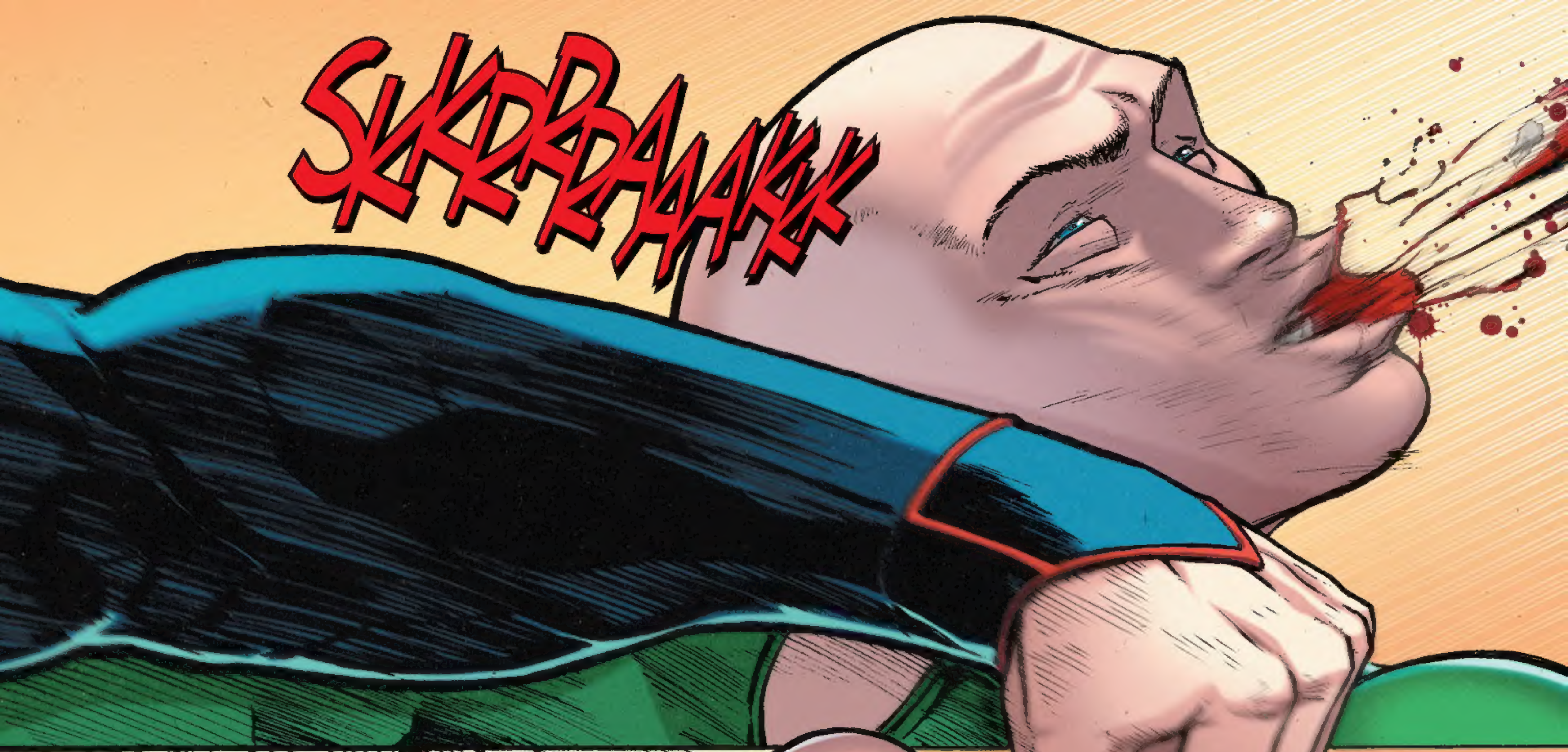
SO DOES LEX.

SO HE PUSHES IT ONE STEP FURTHER.

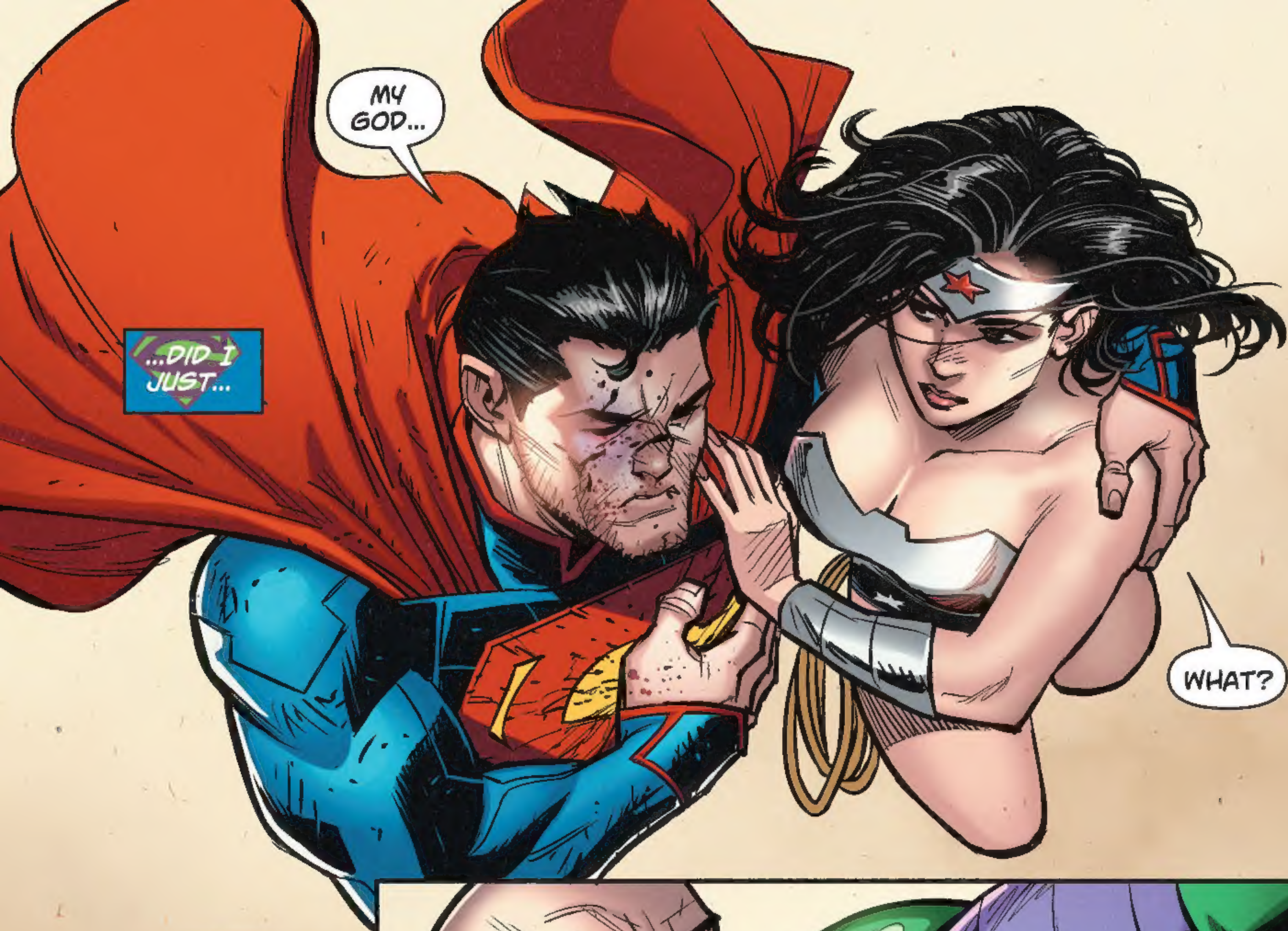
YOU'RE COMING WITH ME, SUPERMAN.

INTO QUARANTINE, FOR FURTHER STUDY UNTIL WE DETERMINE YOU'RE NOT A THREAT--









MY GOD...

...DID I JUST...

WHAT?

I TAKE IT BY YOUR DULL SILENCE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND?



NO.  
DREAMING.  
HE'S FINE.



TOO BAD.

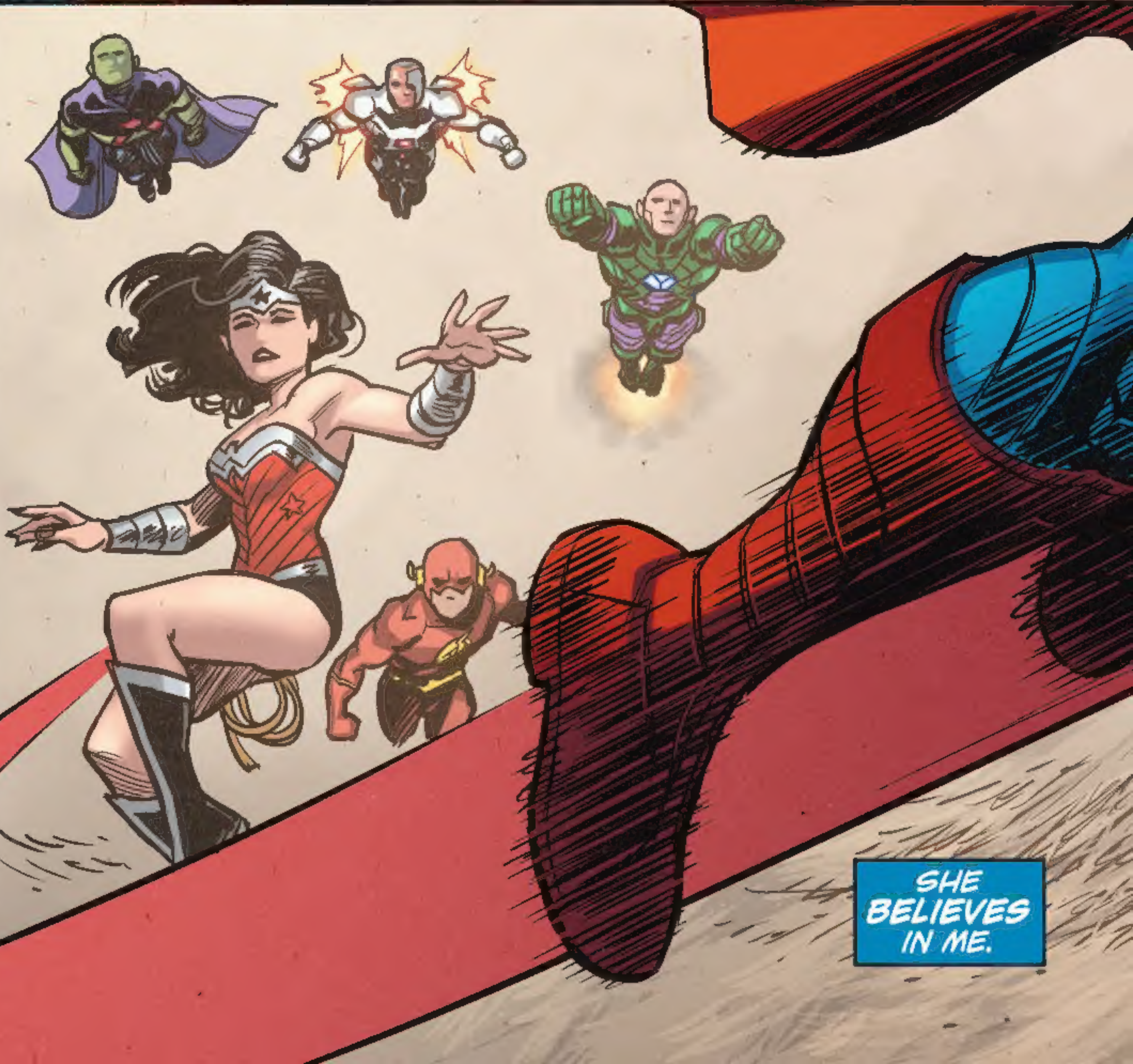
KAL...

I STILL FEEL THE ANGER BOILING IN MY VEINS.  
AND I KNOW SHE SENSES IT.



BUT HER GAZE IS AS STEADY AND CALM AS EVER.

YOU'LL BE FINE.  
AND HE CAN'T BE TRUSTED.  
GO.



SHE BELIEVES IN ME.



SUPERMAN.

AND THEN  
BRUCE'S VOICE  
CRACKLES IN  
MY EAR.

SOME-  
THING'S...  
OFF...

SOMETIMES THAT  
GROWLY BASS  
DRIVES ME  
CRAZY...

TALK  
TO ME.

BUT HE  
BELIEVES IN  
ME, TOO.

JUST TWO  
WORDS...BUT  
HE UNDER-  
STANDS.

I  
KNOW.

YOU  
GO.

I'M  
ON IT.

HE'S ON THE JOB  
AND HE WON'T STOP  
UNTIL HE FIGURES  
OUT WHAT'S...WHAT'S  
HAPPENING TO ME...

...NO MATTER  
WHAT IT TAKES

BATMAN!

THIS SITE IS NOW  
UNDER GOVERNMENT  
JURISDICTION!

PLEASE STEP  
ASIDE BEFORE YOU  
CONTAMINATE  
THE--

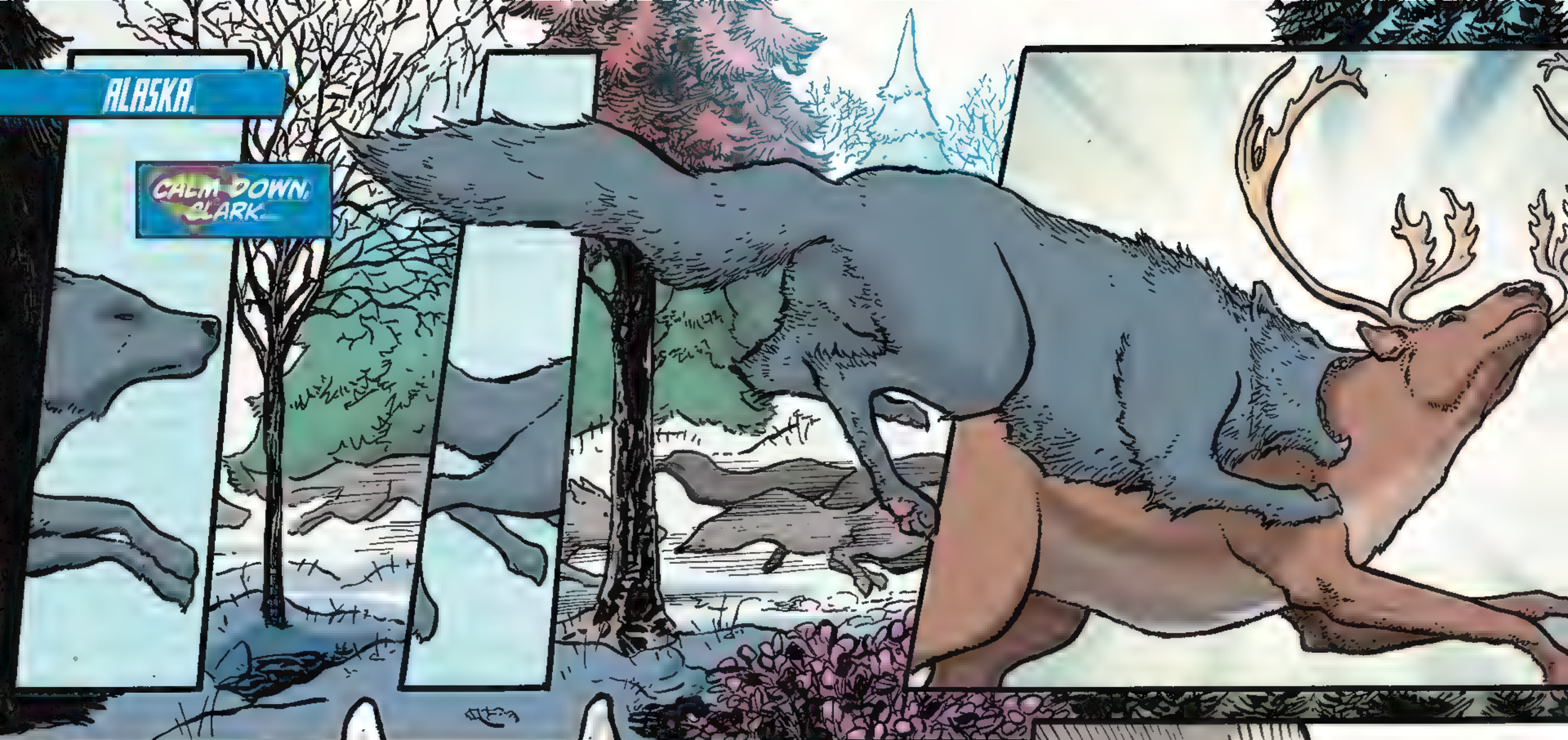
**BOOM**

--EVIDENCE--



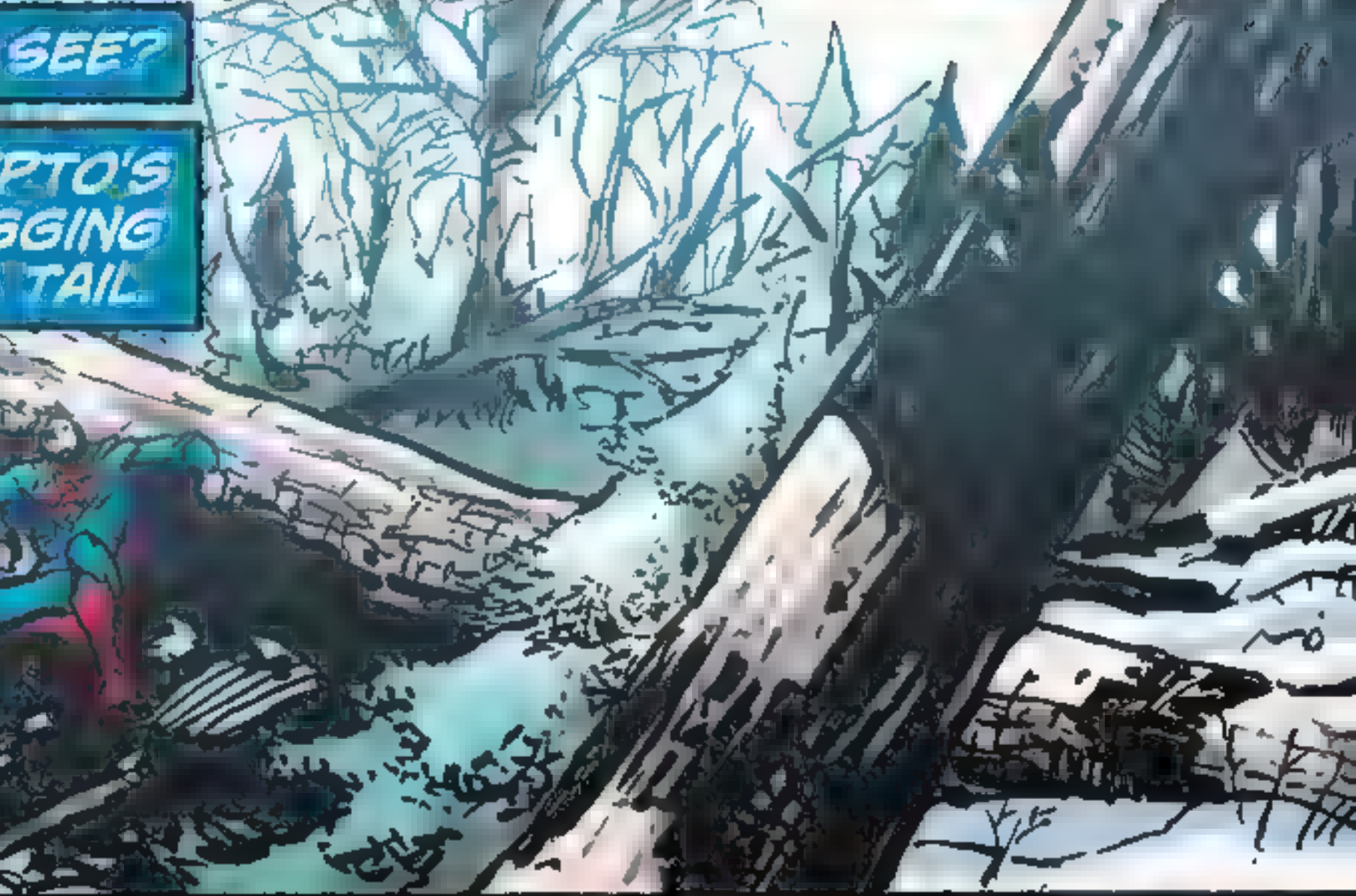
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CALM DOWN,  
CLARK



YOU KNOW  
WHO YOU ARE

RRRRRR?



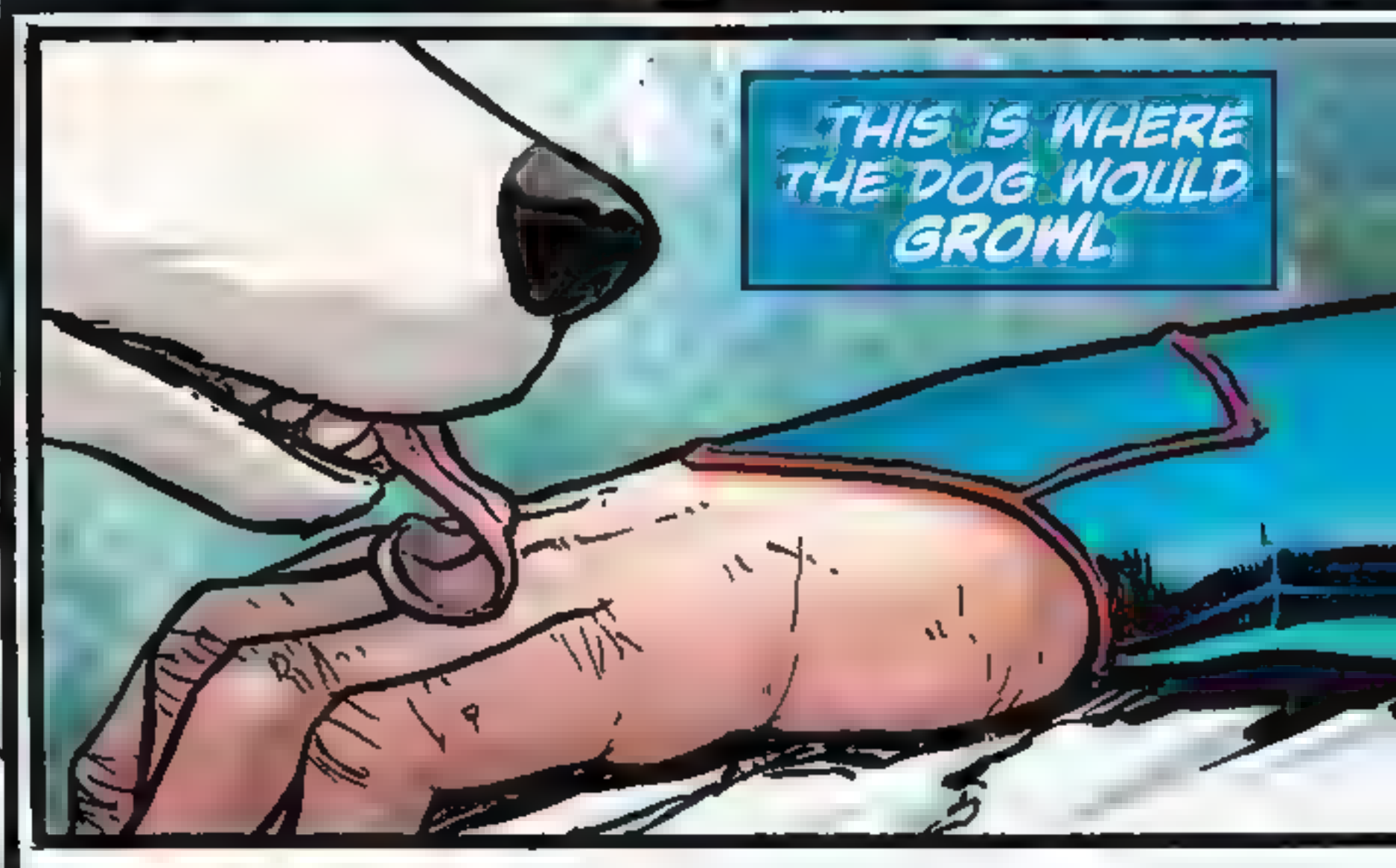
SEE?

KRYPTO'S  
WAGGING  
HIS TAIL

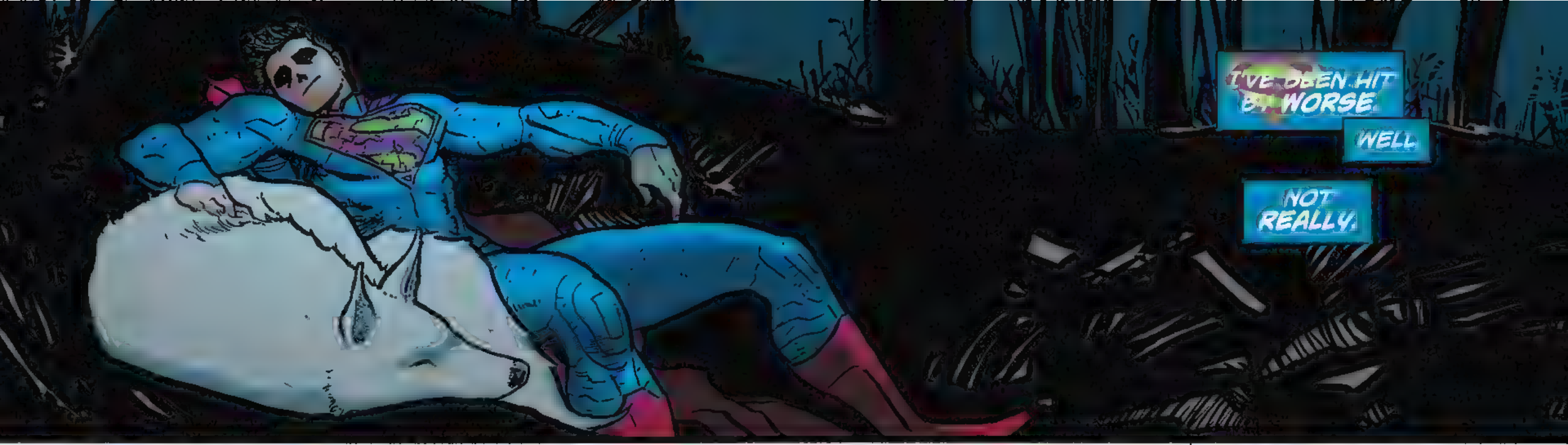
RRRRRR?

IF THIS  
WERE A  
HORROR  
MOVIE...

THIS IS WHERE  
THE DOG WOULD  
GROWL







I'VE BEEN HIT  
BY WORSE.

WELL

NOT  
REALLY.

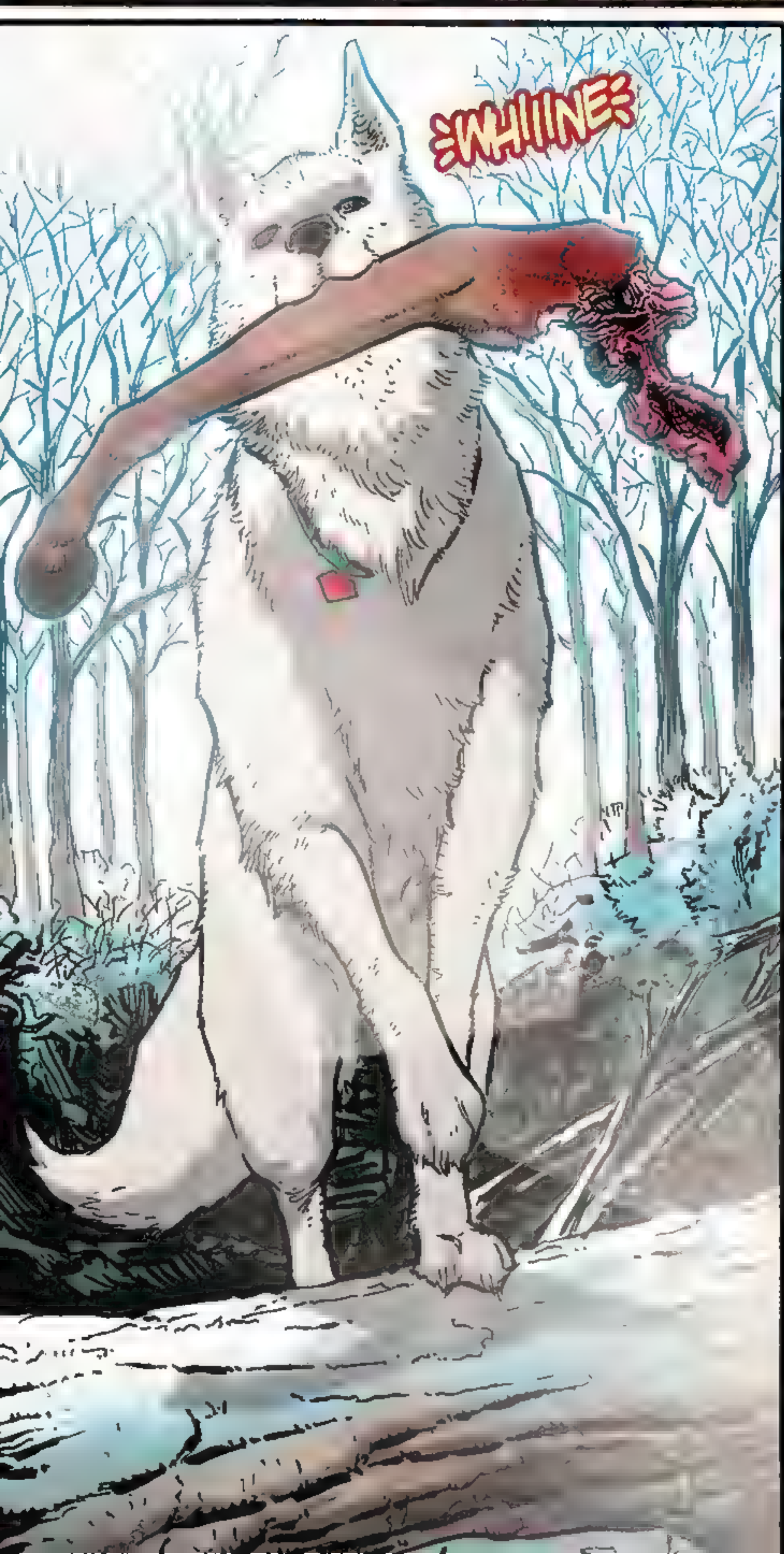


BUT I'M  
SUPERMAN.

JUST GIVE  
ME A NIGHT'S  
SLEEP.



A COUPLE  
HOURS IN  
THE SUN.



SWHINEE



...AND FRIENDS  
WHO BELIEVE



BRAKKA  
BRAKKA  
BRAKKA  
RRR?

HUH.





THERE HE IS!

HA HA!

BANK AROUND AGAIN!

BRAKKA  
BRAKKA  
BRAKKA

BRAA--!

I'M IN THE AIR  
BEFORE I CAN  
EVEN THINK.

YOU  
DIRTY SONS  
OF--

THAT CRAZY  
FURY SURGING UP AGAIN.  
SO HOT AND SWEET.

BRAKKA  
BRAKKA  
BRAKKA

I THINK  
OF DIANA'S  
STEADY EYES

BRUCE'S  
CALM VOICE

I'M  
SUPERMAN.

I DON'T  
PUNCH DOWN.

I DON'T--

I DON'T--





TO  
HELL WITH  
THAT!



AND IT WAS  
ALL ANOTHER  
DREAM, RIGHT?

NO.

I DID  
THAT.

AND GOD  
HELP ME.

I REALLY  
DID THAT.

I'M...

...I'M  
CHANGING.

IT  
FEELS  
GOOD.



**SALVATION TECH EMERGENCY  
EVALUATION LABORATORIES  
MANASSAS, VIRGINIA.**

UGH.  
JOHN, YOU  
LOOK  
TERRIBLE.

THAT'S WHAT YOU  
GET WHEN YOU'RE DUMB  
ENOUGH TO STAND  
IN DOOMSDAY'S  
WAY.

BUT YOU  
CAN RELAX,  
SENATOR  
LANE...

...IT ISN'T  
CATCHING.

I KNOW. I'VE  
SEEN YOUR  
REPORT.

IT ALSO SAYS  
YOU WENT TOE-TO-  
TOE WITH HIM FOR  
TWENTY-THREE  
SECONDS.

NO  
OTHER **NORMAL**  
HUMAN SURVIVED  
MORE THAN **TEN**  
SECONDS IN  
HIS AMBIT.

"SURVIVED" IS A  
PRETTY **GENEROUS**  
WORD FOR HOW  
I FEEL.

BUT THE OLD SUIT  
GAVE ME SOME  
PROTECTION.

AND OF COURSE,  
I'M PRETTY LUCKY  
**SUPERMAN** CAME  
ALONG WHEN HE  
DID.

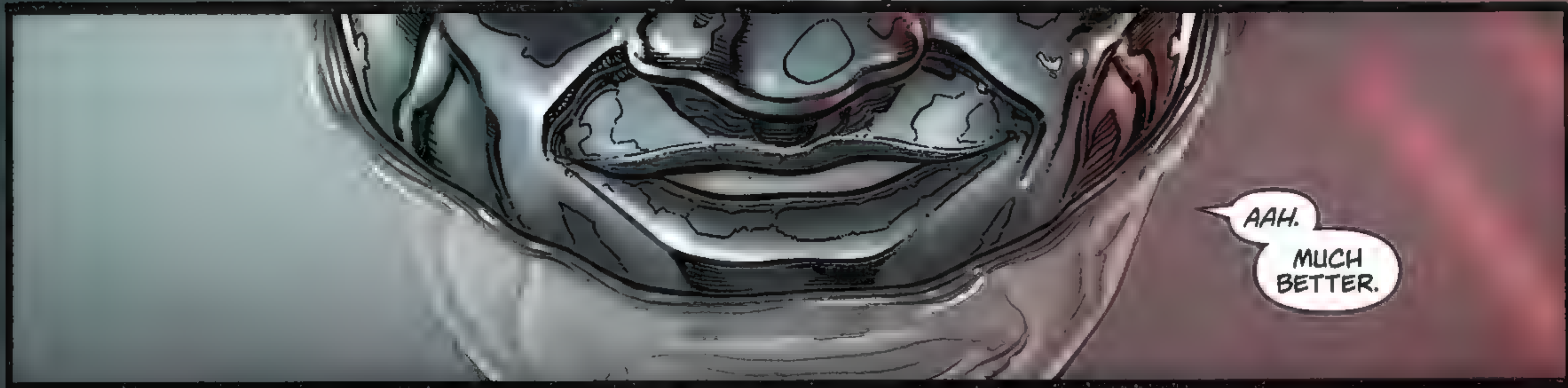
AND YOU'RE PRETTY LUCKY  
YOU HAPPEN TO RUN THE  
MOST ADVANCED PHYSICAL  
REHABILITATION RESEARCH  
CENTER IN THE  
COUNTRY.

OH, NO,  
SENATOR,  
THAT'S NOT  
**LUCK**...





...THAT'S  
GENIUS.



AAH.  
MUCH  
BETTER.





HOW DO I LOOK?

SHINY.

SO YOU'RE... CURED?

NO. BUT THE **ORGANIC STEEL** WILL KEEP THE CELLULAR DEGENERATION AT BAY UNTIL I FIGURE IT OUT.

INTERESTING...

NOW WHAT DID YOU COME HERE FOR, SENATOR?

I KNOW WE HAVEN'T ALWAYS BEEN...**CLOSE**, JOHN.

BUT I THINK DEEP DOWN, WE'RE AFTER THE SAME THING.

WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

**PROTECTING PEOPLE.**

HM. AFTER SEEING HOW YOU **PROTECT**...

...I TRY TO STAY FOCUSED ON **HELPING PEOPLE.**

SOME-TIMES THAT'S THE SAME THING.

WHAT DO YOU WANT, SENATOR?

**SUPERMAN.**





I THINK WE'RE DONE HERE.

JOHN--

YOU THINK I'M GOING TO HELP YOU TRY TO LOCK HIM UP AGAIN? THAT'S WHY I WALKED OUT THE FIRST TIME--\*

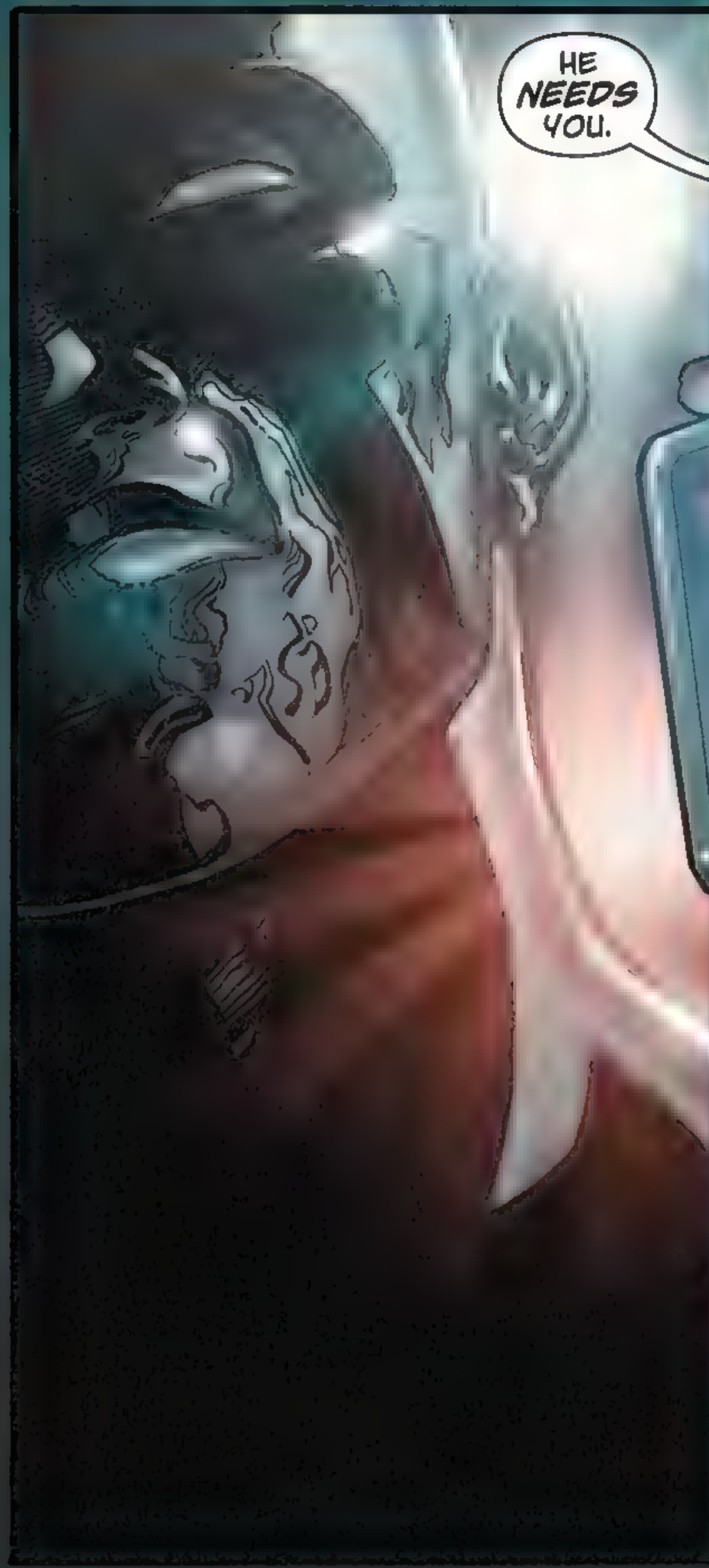
\*WAAAY BACK IN ACTION #2 --EDDIE



CALM DOWN, JOHN. I'M NOT STUPID. AND I'M NOT A **GENERAL** ANY LONGER.

I'M JUST TELLING YOU, IN A **NON-OFFICIAL** CAPACITY...

...THAT YOU'RE HIS **FRIEND**. HE **TRUSTS** YOU.



HE **NEEDS** YOU.

DOOMSDAY EXPLODED INTO A KIND OF **BLACK MIST** ON THE BATTLEFIELD IN SMALLVILLE.

BUT WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND ANY **PARTICULATES** FROM THAT MIST.



WE THINK **SUPERMAN...** INHALED IT ALL.

RIGHT. BECAUSE HE'S **SUPERMAN**. SAVING EVERYONE.



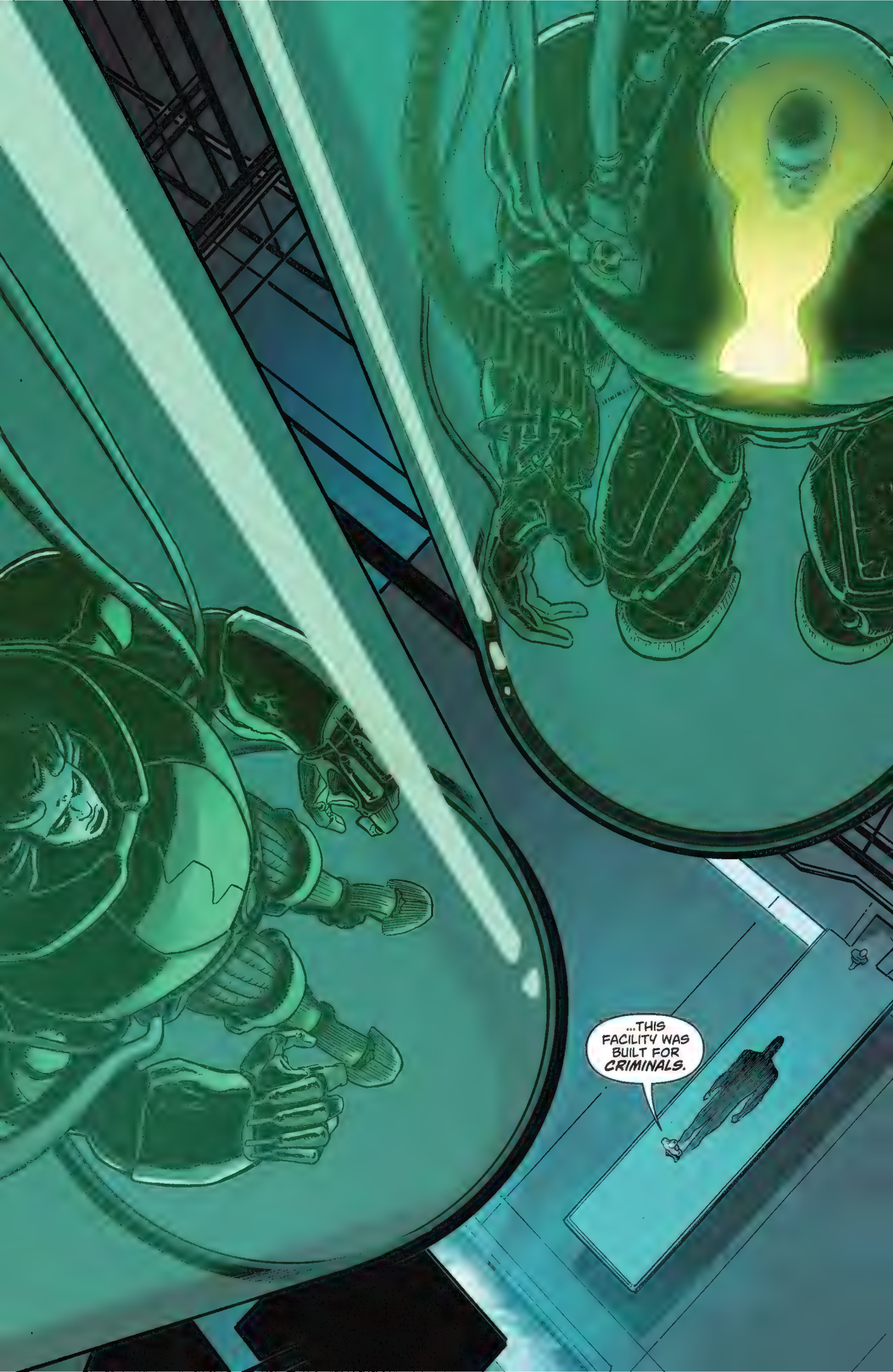
AND THEN **ROCKETING** AWAY TO **HIDE**.

SOMETHING'S **WRONG**.

AND HE BELONGS IN THIS **FACILITY**--WHERE A **FRIEND** LIKE YOU CAN HELP HIM.

SENATOR **LANE**...YOU SEEM TO **FORGET**...





...THIS  
FACILITY WAS  
BUILT FOR  
**CRIMINALS.**



C'MON, SOLDIER. THEY WOULDN'T CALL YOU A **PRESS LIAISON** IF THEY DIDN'T WANT YOU TO **LIAISON** WITH THE **PRESS**.

MS. LANE, I DON'T KNOW...

JUST LOOK INTO MY **EYES** FOR A SECOND...

WHA--

AHA. SO THEY'RE PROCESSING THE DATA AT THE **SAWYER MILITARY BASE**?

WAIT-- I--I DIDN'T SAY ANY-THING!



WHA-- WHAT?  
EXACTLY.



HEY. LOIS. WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU NOTICED, LANA, BUT THE STORY FLEW OUT OF HERE A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO.

**SUPERMAN'S DITCHED EVERYBODY.**



AND THIS PLACE IS DANGEROUS. YOU SHOULD COME WITH ME.



SOMEONE ON THE OUTSIDE'S SPREADING RUMORS. SAYING PEOPLE HERE HAVE BEEN **INFECTED** WITH WHATEVER POWERED **DOOMSDAY**.

HMPF.

LANA-- WHAT ARE YOU DOING!







THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE

...YOU  
REMEMBER TO  
BELIEVE IN  
YOURSELF.

OPEN  
UP!

VOICE PRINT:  
POSITIVE.

DNA  
ANALYSIS:  
NEGATIVE.

SO ANGRY MY  
SKIN FEELS LIKE  
IT'S BURNING...

AND THEN  
I SEE WHY

WHAT  
THE  
HELL...

I SHOULD BE  
TERRIFIED

I SHOULD BE  
RUNNING TO  
MY FRIENDS  
FOR HELP

GRRRR...

BUT I SEE  
WHERE THIS  
IS GOING.

I THOUGHT  
I NEEDED  
YOU...

...NEEDED YOU  
TO BELIEVE...

...BUT I KNOW  
WHO I AM.

I'M  
SUPERMAN.

AND WHEN  
THE WORST  
THREATS  
COME

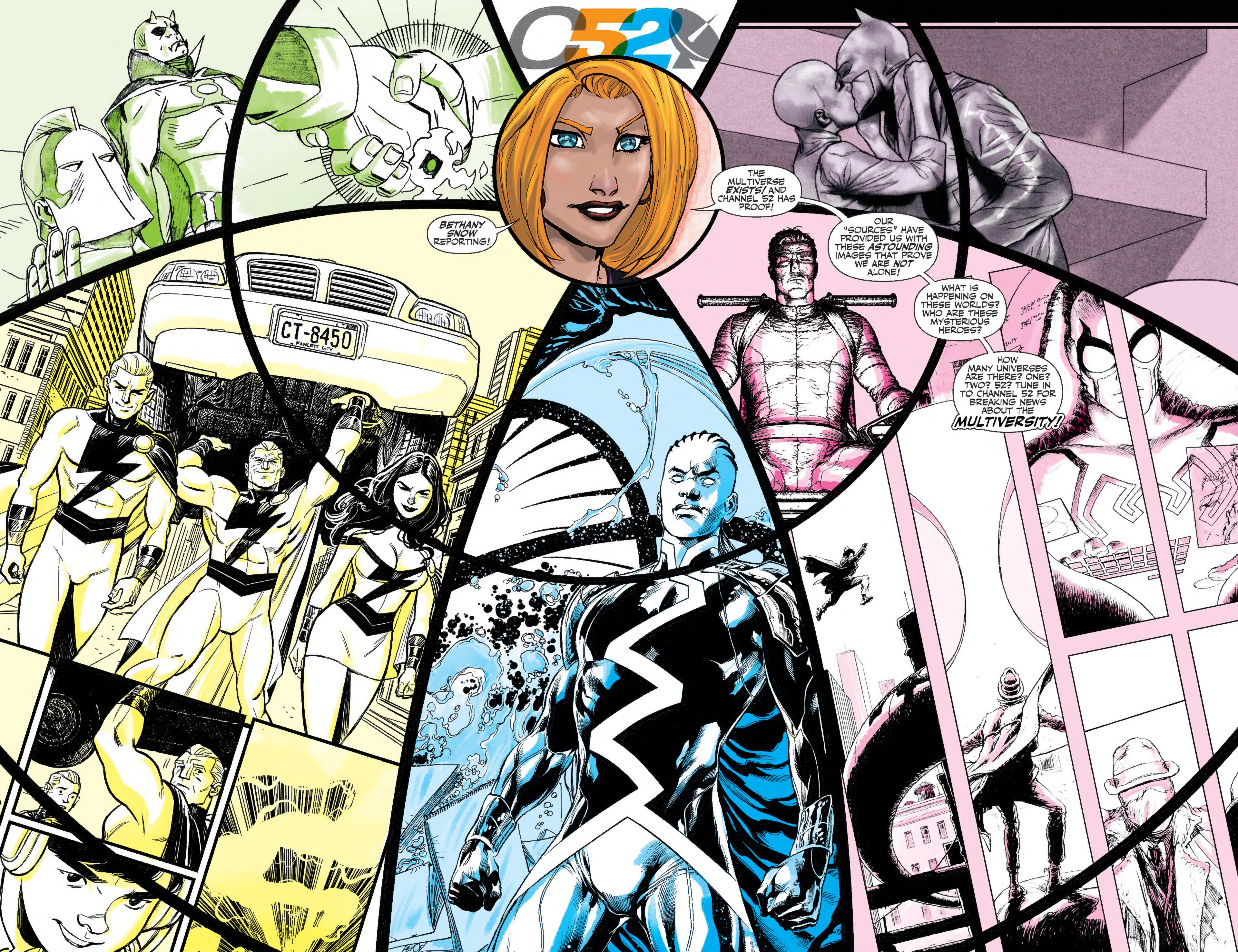




**DOOMED**

**SUPERMAN**  
**WONDER**  
**WOMAN** #8!







# D OOMED!

Superman vs. Doomsday is here! For the first time since The New 52 began, we're ready to witness Superman coming across the biggest physical threat he has ever faced! But what happens in this encounter is unlike anything you've ever seen. In order to battle Doomsday, Superman is forced to use an incredible amount of power. How does this change the Man of Steel, and how will it affect the way the world sees him? And what of the physical changes that threaten to turn Superman into something truly horrifying? Is the Doomsday battle only the beginning of the story?

You can follow all the destruction starting this month in **SUPERMAN: DOOMED #1** and continuing in **SUPERMAN/WONDER WOMAN #8**, **SUPERMAN #31** and **ACTION COMICS #31**! Then check in next month as the story continues in "Enemy of the State" and we find out if Superman is truly DOOMED!



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